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1. SUMMARY: TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH MET EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI AND VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES ON JULY 23. HE REPORTEDLY EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY ON THE ISLAND BENEFITING EQUALLY WITH GREEK CYPRIOTS FROM THE EC-CYPRUS ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE MEETINGS, DENKTASH SAID THAT MAKARIOS COULD NOT REPRESENT ALL CYPRUS AT HELSINKI AND THAT THE TURKISH COMMUNITY

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WOULD NOT CONSIDER ITSELF BOUND BY AGREEMENTS MADE BY HIM

THERE. END SUMMARY.

2. AS INDICATED IN REFTELS A AND B, TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH STOPPED IN BRUSSELS ON JULY 23 TO TALK WITH EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS. HE SAW PRESIDENT ORTOLI AND VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES (EXTERNAL RELATIONS). COMMISSION OFFICIALS INFORM US THAT THE INITIATIVE FOR THE VISIT WAS DENKTASH'S AND THE COMMISSION CHECKED WITH THE NINE MEMBER STATES BEFORE AGREEING TO SEE HIM. HE WAS RECEIVED AT THE COMMISSION IN A PRIVATE CAPACITY AS AN "EMINENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY".

3. DENKTASH'S VISIT SHOULD BE VIEWED AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF THE MEETING OF THE EC-CYPRUS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL IN LUXEMBOURG ON JUNE 24 WHERE GOC FOREIGN MINISTER KHRISTOFIDIS REPRESENTED THE CYPRIOT SIDE. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT PROTESTED THAT MEETING ARGUING THAT A COMMUNITY MEETING WITH A GOVERNMENT WHICH REPRESENTS ONLY THE GREEK ELEMENTS ON CYPRUS COULD PREJUDICE THE ISLAND'S FUTURE.

4. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE JULY 23 MEETINGS DENKTASH SAID THAT HE HAD INFORMED THE COMMISSION OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY WERE HAVING WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EC-CYPRUS ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT. HE IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT CITRUS PRODUCT EXPORTS FROM TURKISH SECTORS WHICH HE CLAIMED ARE ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES AT COMMUNITY FRONTIERS IN ENJOYING CONCESSIONS UNDER THE EC-CYPRUS ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HAVE DOCUMENTATION FROM THE MAKARIOS GOVERNMENT. HE SAID BOTH ORTOLI AND SOAMES HAD REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO ALL NATIONALS OF CYPRUS DRAWING EQUAL BENEFITS FROM THE ASSOCIATION. DENKTASH SAID THAT IN A SHORT TIME A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTING THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY WOULD BE OPENING IN BRUSSELS. IT WOULD HAVE PURELY ECONOMIC FUNCTIONS, HE ADDED, AND WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

5. DENKTASH IS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD THE PRESS AFTER THE MEETINGS THAT HE DID NOT CONSIDER THAT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS WAS COMPETENT TO REPRESENT CYPRUS AT CSCE-STAGE III IN HELSINKI JULY 30-AUG. 1. HE SAID THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAD WRITTEN THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT INDICATING THAT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD NOT CONSIDER THAT THEY WOULD BE BOUND BY AGREEMENTS SIGNED THERE.

6. DURING HIS PRESS CONFERENCE DENKTASH ALSO DESCRIBED THE PROPOSALS HE HAD GIVEN TO WECKMANN-MUNOZ, THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR AN "INDEPENDENT, TERRITORIALLY INTEGRAL, BI-REGIONAL FEDERAL STATE" IN CYPRUS. MORRIS

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